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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68367

Koichiro HIRAO

Appln. No.: 10/066,671

Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.: 4642

Examiner: Colin M. LAROSE

Filed: February 06, 2002

For: COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING
METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005 in which the Examiner has required a restriction, Applicant responds by electing Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-6 and 12-15, drawn to a device and method for color image processing according to Embodiment 1 (figures 1 and 4). This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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